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The following information on a Rumanian mountain artillery battalion in AIUD (R 36/Q 95) was obtained:

1. Cover number: 4886

2. Quarters:

Barracks on northern perimeter of the town east of the road leading to TURDA (R 36/R 08). The barracks have two large buildings along the road, two three-story buildings behind the barracks yard, workshops and storerooms. The gate guard was armed with an Oritza submachine gun.

3. Officers:

Political CO: Capt C. SAVU

CO of 2d Btry: 1st Lt St. OANCEA

4. Personnel:

Six hundred and eighty officers, NCOs and EM. The strength of the battalion was to be increased by newly inducted recruits up to 15 December 1949. Three hundred and sixty troops marching in 40-man platoons were observed leaving with the battalion for firing practices in the Mures River lowland east of AIUD on 17 November 1949.

5. Weapons:

a. New Soviet khaki-colored guns with rubber tires and disk wheels. The guns were once seen to be towed by 8 ZIS and Tatra trucks.

b. Heavy mortars of Soviet origin.

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6. Equipment:

The troops were well equipped. When leaving the barracks for field exercises they wore berets, blouses, folding trousers, laced shoes and black epaulets.

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Comment:

The report, appearing credible, is the first on a mountain artillery battalion in AIUD. Like other mountain units known in that area, the AIUD battalion is probably assigned to a unit (mountain division?) whose exact designation is still unknown.

As the reported strength of the battalion appears very high, it is considered possible that the battalion may include a recruit or training unit.